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PROTECTION OF NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS, SUBPROJECT PERMAFROST,
PIPELINES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, 02.05-210201

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING DATED AUGUST 12 TO DR. VIKTOR
D. DENISOV, DEPUTY CHIEF, MAIN ADMINISTRATION FOR NATURE
CONSERVATION, USSR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WITH COPY TO
KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET:

2. "DEAR DR. DENISOV: IN ORDER TO COMPLETE PLANS FOR THE
FORTHCOMING RECIPROCAL VISIT OF US SPECIALISTS TO THE USSR IN
OCTOBER 1976 TO OBSERVE PIPELINE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE
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FIELD UNDER PROJECT 02.05-210201, PLEASE PASS THE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO YU. P. BATALIN, FIRST DEPUTY

MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION FOR OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY, WITH WHOM I SIGNED A PROTOCOL ON JUNE 15.

3. I SUGGEST THAT US DELEGATION ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON THE EVENING OF 5 OCTOBER AND DEPART MOSCOW 23 OCTOBER AFTER 18-DAY VISIT.

4. THE TENTATIVE ITINERARY SUGGESTED BY THE SOVIET SIDE IN THE JUNE 15 PROTOCOL IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE US DELEGATION. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT CHANGES WILL HAVE TO BE MADE IN THE ORIGINAL ITINERARY BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE IN THE TIME OF THE VISIT.

5. OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST TO THE US DELEGATION INCLUDE: THE GAS PIPELINE TO NORILSK AND ANY OTHER PIPELINES IN OPERATION OR STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION (WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CONSTRUCTION WORK TAKES PLACE IN THE WINTER) IN THE PERMAFROST REGION.

6. WE REQUEST A COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING BY THE CRYOLOGY COUNCIL OF THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ON PERMAFROST RESEARCH RELATED TO PIPELINES.

7. WE ALSO REQUEST COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFINGS ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

(A) LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN RESEARCH AND DESIGN OF OFFSHORE DRILLING AND PIPELINE FACILITIES IN THE ARTIC.

(B) CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND PERFORMANCE OF TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT ROADS IN THE PERMAFROST REGION (E.G., SNOW AND ICE ROADS, WORKING PADS, ETC.).

(C) DRILLING AND OPERATION OF OIL AND GAS WELLS.

(D) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS OF OIL AND GAS PIPELINES IN THE PERMAFROST REGION.

(E) ANY OTHER SUBJECTS THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD
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CONSIDER APPROPRIATE AND WORTHWHILE.

8. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN ESTIMATE FOR THE AMOUNT OF MONEY EACH MEMBER OF THE US DELEGATION SHOULD BRING IN ORDER TO PAY FOR INTERNAL AIRFARES, FOOD, AND LODGING WHILE IN THE USSR.

9. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WILL BE IN THE US DELEGATION:

(A) OSCAR J. FERRIANS, JR., RESEARCH GEOLOGIST, BRANCH OF ALASKAN GEOLOGY, US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, AND HEAD OF US DELEGATION.

(B) FREDERICK E. CRORY, SOILS ENGINEER, US ARMY COLD REGIONS RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING LABORATORY.

(C) CHARLES A. CHAMPION, ENGINEER AND PIPELINE COORDINATOR, OFFICE OF THE PIPELINE COORDINATOR, STATE OF ALASKA.

(D) HAROLD R. PEYTON, SENIOR ENGINEER, ALYESKA PIPELINE SERVICE COMPANY.

(E) RICHARD C. KNOWLES, DRILLING ENGINEER FOR NORTH ALASKA DISTRICT, ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY.

(F) HANS O. JAHNS, RESEARCH ENGINEER, EXXON PRODUCTION RESEARCH COMPANY.

(G) TWO MORE MEMBERS WILL BE DESIGNATED TO MAKE A TOTAL OF 8 MEMBERS.

10. I WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPLY. SINCERELY, O.J. FERRIANS, JR." KISSINGER

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